

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SUFFOLK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 20, 2012
MEADOW EDGE GOLF COURSE
WEST SAYVILLE, NEW YORK**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Miles Borden	Chairman, Town of Smithtown
Gilbert Cardillo	Trustee, Town of Riverhead
Kathleen Gooding, Ph.D.	Trustee, Town of Shelter Island
Dawn Hopkins	Vice Chair, Trustee, Town of Brookhaven
Debra Kolyer	Member of the Board
Alexander McKay	Trustee, Town of Huntington
William B. Sickles	Trustee, Town of Southampton
Richard F. White, Jr.	Trustee, Town of East Hampton

ABSENT

Terrence Pearsall	Member of the Board
VACANT	Trustee, Town of Babylon
VACANT	Trustee, Town of Islip
VACANT	Trustee, Town of Southold
VACANT	Member at Large

PARKS DEPARTMENT

Greg Dawson	Commissioner
Nick Gibbons	Principal Environmental Analyst
Colleen Hofmeister	Principal Contracts Examiner
Barbara Rittman	Senior Clerk Typist

GUESTS

Tom Young	County Attorney's Office
Dave Genaway	Commissioner of Planning, Town of Islip
Lauretta Fischer	Chief Environmental Analyst, S.C. Planning & Environment
Janet Longo	Land Management Specialist, S.C. Real Property Acquisitions & Management

PUBLIC PORTION

There were no members of the public present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2012

A motion to accept the minutes as written was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee McKay. The minutes were unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & REAL ESTATE

Lauretta Fischer announced two proposed acquisitions. The first property is in the Pine Barrens core area of Manorville, just north of the L.I. Expressway and west of County Route 111. Everything north of the L.I. Expressway is part of the Pine Barrens core area and two parcels are included in it for purchase. Funds from the

Old Drinking Water Protection program are being used and the two parcels total 3.6 acres. The land is currently all pitch pine growth due to it formerly being used as farm land.

Trustee Hopkins made a motion to acquire the property and Trustee Sickles seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

The second acquisition is a proposed active recreation site. Laretta distributed the site plans and maps for review. The property includes three parcels of land, plus a 30 foot x 1,777 foot right of way. It is located in the Hamlet of Sayville in the Town of Islip. Access will be from Rollstone Avenue, which is shown on the eastern side of the map. A small parcel is at the entrance, on the east side of the property from Rollstone Avenue and there is a total of 14.06 acres. The proposed acquisition is using New Drinking Water Protection Program funds, wherein the County acquires the property and a municipality or not-for-profit then maintains it for active recreational use. This parcel was a proposed acquisition by Legislator Lindsay and the Town of Islip has worked with not-for-profit groups to come up with and propose this site plan. It includes three multi-purpose playing fields, a playground area, concession stand, parking and access drive. An eight foot fence is proposed around the entire perimeter of the site and a portion of the southern property line area is to be maintained as a buffer with existing natural tree growth. The children's playground area and the 1,300 square foot concession are proposed to be located in the northwest corner of the site. Parking and access will be adjacent to the Long Island Railroad, along the northern portion of the property and the access drive will be 24 feet in width. The access drive will extend east of the parking area for about 1,100 feet to Rollstone Avenue. The site will accommodate about 230 parking spaces.

Dave Genaway, Commissioner of Planning for the Town of Islip, reported that they have been negotiating with the Sayville Lacrosse group which has a good membership and good financial backing, having received an award letter for a \$200,000 grant from the state. They have also been speaking with the Sayville Football League and it is anticipated that the multi-use fields will allow a greater level of participation between different sports. The Town Board has authorized a resolution which guarantees that the Town of Islip will be responsible for developing the park for active recreational uses.

Trustee McKay inquired if the fields are turf and Dave stated that they are currently grass and will remain grass until such time the users can do a fundraiser or generate their own funds.

Trustee McKay recommended acquisition of the parcel and Trustee Hopkins seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Dawson was pleased to announce that Trustee Alex McKay was re-appointed for another five year term.

There was a fire at Sweet Hollow Hall in Huntington and the building was a total loss. The fire started at about 1:30 in the morning and the fire department and arson squad are investigating the cause. The building had been highly utilized by the public, including such groups as the Senior Pops and Starflower Experience (a children's environmental program).

The Commissioner was happy to report that the breaches at both Smith Point and Cupsogue have been filled, and crews are currently working at Shinnecock West on beach nourishment at the dunes there. DPW is currently working on plans to make repairs at Smith Point on the sidewalk and the staircase that was destroyed. Commissioner Dawson reported that Tony Trotta and Nick Gibbons have been instrumental--along with the maintenance, environmental and grounds crews--with the installation of 3-4 miles of snow fence to re-establish the dunes. All of the parks are now open to the public.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Borden suggested that the Trustees think about locations for the 2013 calendar of board meetings over the next month to be discussed and voted upon at the January meeting at Meadow Edge. Trustee Sickles expressed interest in holding a meeting at one of the park facilities in the Town of Southampton, preferably outdoors by the lake at Sears Bellows under the picnic pavilion. It will be scheduled for the August 15th meeting.

ROUND TABLE

All in attendance expressed a very Merry Christmas and a storm-free New Year to each other. Trustee White reported that it's a very good year for the East End scallops and encouraged all to try them.

Trustee McKay inquired about plans for the site of Sweet Hollow Hall to be cleared. Commissioner Dawson stated that it had already been arranged to take the remains of the building down and clear it. Further plans for the site are presently on hold.

Trustee Cardillo commented that he was at Indian Island Park that morning, the crew was still working on the trails and they had done a very nice job there.

Trustee Borden expressed that he enjoyed serving everyone this past year and wished all a good holiday season.

The next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2013 at Meadow Edge Golf Course, West Sayville, New York.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Trustee White and seconded by Trustee McKay. The motion was unanimously approved by a vote of 8-0-0.